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THE HAMPDEN HIPPOCRAT, APRIL, 1962

EDITORIAL

THE ANNUAL MEETING: A TIME FOR RE-APPRAISAL

Stock-taking is always in order, especially now when our Annual Meeting is but a few days away.

At the February meeting we heard our Society lauded by M.M.S. President Wallwork as one of the three most active Districts in the commonwealth. This distinction, at the risk of sounding immodest, is well deserved. One need but scan the long list of Annual Reports appearing in the current issue of the Hippocrat to realize the wide scope of activities and the manifold achievements of Hampden during the last twelve months. Other reports, chiefly those bearing recommendations, are yet to be published, and will be carried in the next issue of our bulletin. To this should be added the work of the officers, of the councilors, of the censors and of state committee members who in line of duty often had to travel to Boston, Chicago, Denver and to other District meetings throughout the state.

However, we must never allow these achievements to lull us into complacency and indolence. For, surely, even now there are many areas in which there is room for improvement. A good example is meeting attendance which of late has averaged a mere 40% of the membership. This may be higher

than in some Districts, but is still far from satisfactory. The least each member can do for his society is to attend its meetings. Meeting attendance constitutes the minimum unit of particaption. There is no substitute for it. The questionnaire and the poll may attract a wider response but their value at best is highly questionable. They rate neither legal nor parliamentary status, and with good reason, too. It is only the forum or meeting that prevents rash, impulsive and prejudicial action, and it is only at meetings that problems can be presented properly, discussed informatively, and acted upon intelligently.

One method of tackling the problem of meetings is to pose questions: Shall we change our programs from the socio-economic to the scientific, or shall we, perhaps, feature luminaries from the fields of politics, law, business, etc.? Are the social hour and the several-course dinner desirable, or do they tend to lull us into lethargy? How can our younger members be motivated to attend oftener, and how can our older ones be induced to remain longer? And finally, would an advance agenda of the type employed by Council improve the quality of our meetings, and if so, how can it be accomplished?

The answers to these and similar questions may well shed light on some of the problems confronting us. They are questions worthy of consideration especially on the eve of our Annual Meeting when we should individually and collectively review our past performance and at the same time rededicate ourselves to a future of service and progress.

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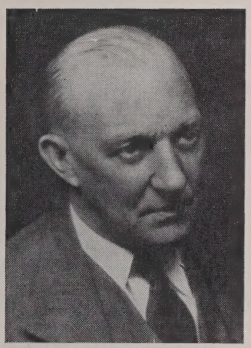

The practice of medicine is undergoing a transition that encompasses not only the care of our patients, but the health of the community.

The sick patient, as a rule, we have found most cooperative in that he is willing to listen, and with more than an open mind.

The community, however, composed largely of potential patients, like some recovered patients, are less interested in our opinions until stricken with some painful malady.

Our knowledge of preventive medicine gained through study and experience is challenged by those "who think for themselves".

A physician giving freely of his time and efforts in matters of public health is naturally irritated when opposed by leaders in the community and especially when some physicians join the opposition.

Communication breaks down, lines are drawn, impartial experts are called in and diagnose the situation as a divided City. This division exists in the minds of men on both sides of the fence.

This impasse goes on for years and the public suffers while our taxes, federal and state, are channelled toward more cooperative communities through government grants.

A ray of hope is seen in the desire of government agencies to assist communities in obtaining grants for worthy causes. This is not the ideal envisioned by those rugged individualists who feel it is more efficient, economical and humane to administer to our neighbors directly on a community level, but it is immeasurably better than continuing as a backward area in health matters.

I have made repeated efforts to assure others that our society is anxious to exchange views and get on the road to progress. Help is needed.

A curtain of silence will lead to excessive taxation, unless we communicate, unite and serve.

Jerry Whitney, M.D.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY 1961 - 1962

The total membership of the Hampden District Medical Society has reached a total of 454 active members, and 49 Senior members.

Four District meetings were held during the year with an average attendance of 179.

This year has been a relatively active one for the Hampden District Medical Society. The official business office opened in May with the hiring of a secretary, Mrs. Vivian M. Purdy. This office has worked more efficiently, not only in taking over routine duties and calls of the District Secretary but also in organizing meetings of all sorts, keeping records, centralizing all reports and business, and in disseminating information. Most of the committees have had their meetings at the office, some with refreshments.

It is my personal feeling that the public relations of the Society as a whole has improved because messages have been relayed with despatch. Mrs. Purdy has acquired over the last year a rather extensive knowledge of the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Hampden District Medical Society and of all the committees. She has decreased the work of the busy doctor who acts as District Secretary, from ten to twenty hours per week to perhaps one or two. It is now possible for almost any physician who has a general knowledge of the District Society to become Secretary without the usual period of apprenticeship.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray T. Smith, M.D., Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 1962 -

The Executive Committee met monthly throughout the year, except during July and August, all meetings being held in the new office with good attendance.

The Grievance Committee reviewed eighteen cases. One complaint was brought in by a Medical Society, one anonymous, one by a lawyer, and fifteen by patients. Many phone calls were received by the office but most of these were misunderstandings and easily explained.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray T. Smith, M.D., Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT OF BY-LAW COMMITTEE (APRIL, 1962)

At the 1961 annual meeting the recently revised by-laws were adopted by the Society. At its September meeting the Executive Committee voted to have the new revision mimeographed instead of printed in booklet form. It is expected that the mimeographed revision will be distributed to the membership some time this month.

Respectfully submitted,
Max Millman, M.D., Chairman

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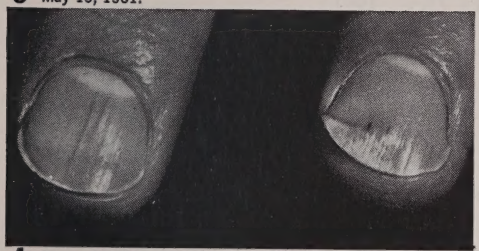

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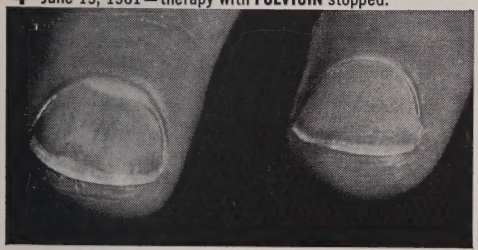

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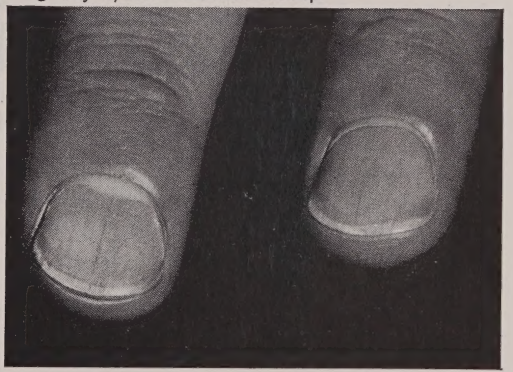

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AVOID CONFLICTING MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Medical Society will be held in Boston on May 22, 23 and 24. To encourage attendance, members of our District Society are urged to cancel hospital conferences, and avoid scheduling all other meetings during the three-day period of the State Meeting.

MALPRACTICE PROBLEM

Facts: After the defendant doctor had successfully treated the respiratory infection of the plaintiff's decedent, he remained in the hospital for the correction of an epigastric hernia by a surgeon to whom he had been referred by the defendant. The patient died shortly after the operation allegedly as the result of negligence in the surgery and in the post-operative care, neither of which defendant had participated in. The plaintiff contended that the defendant could be held liable because the patient had not dismissed him from the case. Was this contention correct?

Decision: No.

The Court said that when a patient has recovered from the ailment his doctor undertook to treat and the doctor refers him to a surgeon for an operation, it cannot reasonably be presumed, in the absence of evidence so indicating, that the doctor's responsibility under the original doctor-patient relationship carries over to the surgical case. There was no evidence here indicating that defendant had any responsibility with respect to the surgical case. Engle vs Clarks, 346 S.W. (2nd) 13 (Ky., 1961).

From The Bulletin, Middlesex North District Medical Society

HOSPITAL RECORD

The Supreme Court of Ohio dismissed a former patient's suit for an injunction to compel a hospital to furnish him with a copy of his hospital record. The injunction was granted by a lower court and the action affirmed by a Court of Appeals. While an appeal was pending in the Supreme Court, the hospital furnished a photostatic copy of his record to the patient. As a consequence, said the Ohio Supreme Court, it felt bound to sustain the motion to dismiss the case. However, the court said that it did this "reluctantly". (Wallace v. University Hospitals of Cleveland, 172 N.E.2d 459)

COMING EVENTS

HAMPDEN DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS,
APRIL 17 and MAY 15, 1962

HAMPDEN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 24, 1962 **(See Page 15)**

PEDIATRIC GUEST SPEAKERS, SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL,
MAY 10 and 22, 1962

CENSORS MEETING, MAY 3, 1962

SPRINGFIELD ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, MAY 8, 1962

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CONTROLLING THE COST OF MEDICAL CARE

The rising cost of medical care must, of necessity, be of vital concern to every physician and to organized medicine. While the lay public tends to think of medical care costs in terms of physicians' fees, it is well recognized that the sky-rocketing costs of hospital care and the ever-increasing costs of drugs account for the major portion of rising medical care costs. This is not to imply that there may not be some justification for these increased hospital and drug costs, but physicians cannot and should not be held responsible for costs beyond their control.

Nevertheless, we are vitally concerned, and must do everything in our power to control those costs which are within our control. To this end, definite steps have already been taken. Review committees have been set up, either by medical societies, or at least working with them, in many parts of the country. The function of these committees is to review specific cases of excessive physicians' fees, abuse of health insurance, or improper utilization of hospitals.

In our own Massachusetts Medical Society, the Committee on Medical Charges to Pooled Funds has actively worked on this problem. Similar committees function in Maine, Virginia, Philadelphia, four western Pennsylvania counties, two California counties, two New York counties, and Birmingham, Alabama. Other similar committees are in process of being formed in Florida, Ohio, Washington, D. C., and Detroit.

The development of this effort to control medical costs is interestingly seen in Philadelphia. Two years ago, the Blue Cross and the county medical society jointly formed the Physicians' Review Board. Later, the Blue Cross organized the Hospital Administrators' Review Board. The Physicians' Board, made up of thirty-six paid physicians, reviewed cases of questionable utilization of hospitals, and reported to Blue Cross. The joint report of the two boards brought to light the above average hospital stay of the Philadelphia Blue Cross subscribers at a cost of 7.5 million dollars annually for the extra days. Appropriate measures to correct the situation were promptly instituted.

It is this type of effort which is spreading throughout the nation, and represents the physician's concern with the rising cost of medical care. Here in Massachusetts, we are proud that our society is not alone aware of the problem, but is doing something about it.

For a complete description of the organization and functions of the Committee on Medical Charges to Pooled Funds you are urged to read pages 49 to 61 of The Proceedings of the Council of the M.M.S., March 15, 1962.

Tillman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1962)

This year again no medical recruitment problems presented themselves. Because of this no meetings were held, and no action was otherwize taken.

Noah N. Feldman, M.D.
Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MALPRACTICE AND MEDICO-LEGAL AFFAIRS (1962)

The Medico-Legal Committee held meetings nearly every month during the past fiscal year. Various topics ranging from doctor-lawyer relationship, authorization for doctors reports, fees for professional services and reports, malpractice pitfalls and court appearances were discussed. The high spot of the efforts of your committee was the staging of a mock trial presided by Judge O'Malley, and held in November, 1961 to an overflowing audience at the Springfield Municipal Hospital Auditorium.

More recently, in conjunction with Dr. Palermo, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, a rather delicate problem involving a lawyer, the newspapers and a member of our society is being resolved.

It has been a pleasure working with such men as Attorneys Fred Pillsbury, Tom Donoghue, William Godfrey, Robert Moran, Arthur Giustina, and Sherman Fein; Doctors Jerome Whitney, Robert LaMarche, James Hartshorn and Leon Kruger; and last but not least Mrs. Purdy, the Hampden District Medical Society's Executive Secretary.

John J. Bandeian, M.D.
Chairman

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (1962)

The Chairman of the Emergency Medical Service Committee is completing the fifth year of duty, a bit wiser and a lot mellowed by his experience. For the most part, routine administration of the work has not been too demanding or unduly hard, and chronic difficulties have long since been ironed out and streamlined into an efficient project of the Society. This year in particular, the increase in the number of members on the Committee has led to many pleasant and ofttimes prolonged discussions on the changing times and the changing philosophy of the practice of Medicine. Meetings have been well attended and had been called preceding the regular meetings of the Society in the new environs of Society Headquarters. Our guests included the President, the Chairman of the Public Relations Committee and our ever present Executive Secretary, Mrs. Purdy.

The Committee has been hard at work to "expand" the Emergency Medical Service (E.M.S.) by constant education of the public on how and when to obtain Emergency Medical Service. A report appeared as a featured article in the Sunday Springfield Republican on March 11, 1962. A pamphlet will soon be issued to each doctor in advance of its distribution to the community-at-large on "How to Obtain a Family Doctor" and how to use the Emergency Medical Service. Attempts are still being made to obtain a prominent place of advertising the Emergency Medical Service telephone number in the local telephone books.

The relatively quiet and smooth functioning of this very valuable service to the Community has caused several members to question the continued existence of this Committee and the Emergency Medical Service. They have used the very same statistics of diminishing demands often quoted by this Committee as an argument for abolishing this work completely. Some of these doctors have argued that they re-duplicate their efforts when assigned to the various Emergency Rooms of the local hospitals with greater demand on their time. Moreover, the continued trend to have the Emergency Room serve as a community clinic on a 24-hour basis for treatment of all illnesses irrespective of their emergency nature has supplanted the Roster of the Society as an answer to community needs.

Others have not been sympathetic to the "mandatory" ruling of the Society and have served only grudgingly (substitution rate 45 to 50% despite lowering of the age requirement to 55), and others only by obtaining substitutes with or without payment of a fee for this service. (The Committee had considered this latter point and unanimously recommended that, "The matter of the service of a substitute on the roster is a purely personal function between the designee and his substitute, and no fixed fee was either recommended or advocated.")

The ideas presented above are not peculiar to Hampden District, and a national survey has shown a reversal of opinions with 12 to 13 District Societies abolishing this service in 1961. However, the common committee opinion is that, regardless of the personal feelings or philosophy on the conduct of individual private prac-

tice, whether the doctor believes in his "mandatory" system or not, whether he believes in house calls or not, whether he believes his specialty places him in a unique category and this service is not for him, the value of this routinely dependable and tried medical service can be almost totally destroyed if, but *once*, it fails to pass a dramatic test. On the other hand, community cooperation is vitally essential to make this plan work, for each family should have its own family doctor to rely on first, and this service should be used only for EMERGENCIES.

Peter S. Zarecki, Jr., M.D.
Chairman

JEFF CHANDLER SUIT SETTLED

Santa Monica, Calif.—The $1.5 million suit filed by the heirs of actor Jeff Chandler has been settled for $33,358.

The suit was filed by the actor's former wife on behalf of their daughters. It was brought against the doctors who operated on Chandler and the hospital in which he died. It charged malpractice and wrongful death. The actor entered the hospital for an operation for a slipped spinal disc. He suffered severe stomach hemorrhages and died of complications and blood poisoning.

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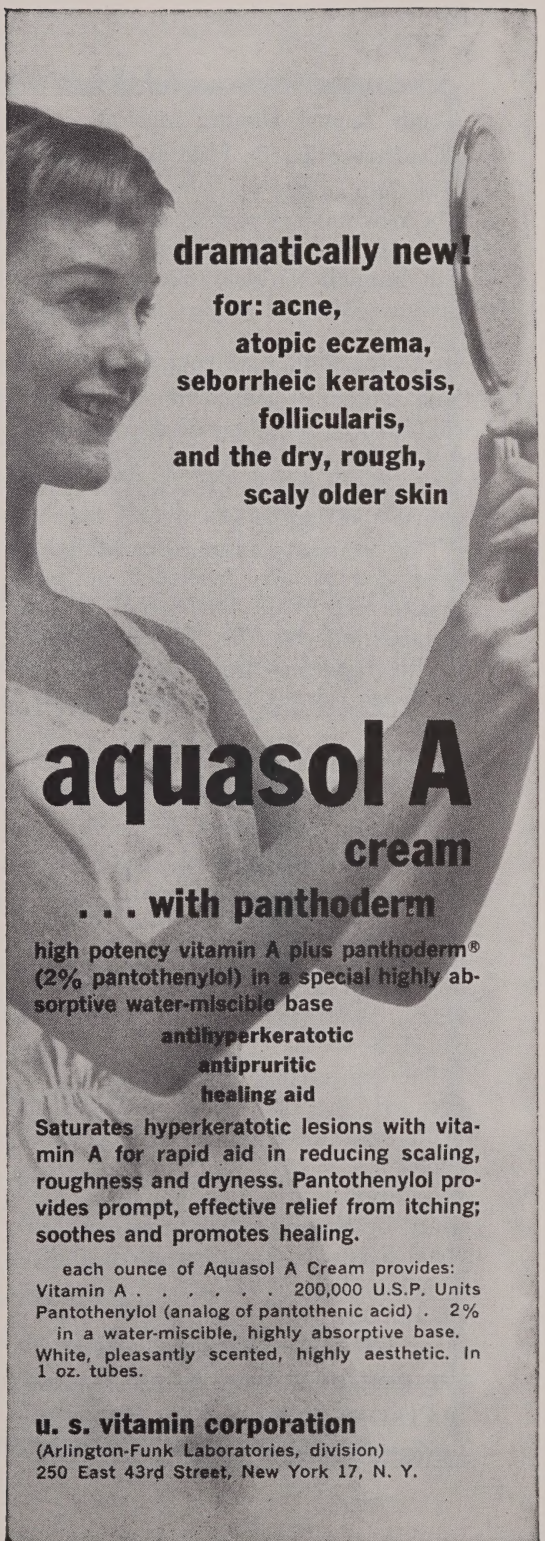
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Tenth Annual Disaster Medical Care Conference To Be Held In Chicago

Dear Hippocrat:

"Community Preparedness for Emergencies" will be the theme of the 10th annual National Conference on Disaster Medical Care in Chicago, June 23.

Sponsored by the Council on National Security of the American Medical Association, the one-day meeting at the Palmer House immediately precedes the opening of AMA's 111th annual meeting.

This year's program, consisting of three sections, was developed and will be presented by the Division of Health Mobilization of the U. S. Public Health Service. The sections, all of which are related to the central theme, are:

Means of achieving community preparedness.

Meeting the needs of the public.

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The keynote address, "Preparedness at the Community Level—an Urgent Goal," will be delivered by Luther L. Terry, M.D., the surgeon general of the U. S.

The conference is expected to be attended by 500 physicians, public health officers, and civil defense personnel.

Additional information may be obtained by writing: Department of National Security, American Medical Association, 535 N. Dearborn, Chicago 10, Illinois.

A.M.A.

Hematology

Dear Hippocrat:

I would appreciate it if a brief notice could be placed in the *Hippocrat* announcing an all day program of Hematology at the Springfield Hospital on Wednesday, May 16, 1962. The program is entitled, "A Day of Hematology".

Our guest discussant will be Franklin G. Smith, Jr., M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Pathology at Dartmouth Medical School and Hematologist to the Mary Hitchcock Hospital and Clinic, Hanover, New Hampshire. The morning program from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 will consist of interesting case presentations. The afternoon program from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. will consist of an open discussion of modern methods of diagnosis and treatment in Hematology.

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In Memoriam

JOHN E. DWYER, M. D.

Dr. John E. Dwyer of Springfield died in the Lawrence F. Quigley Memorial Hospital, Chelsea, on March 6, 1962.

Dr. Dwyer was born in Cambridge, Mass. on January 3, 1890. He graduated from Tufts Medical School, Boston, in 1911. Before coming to Springfield in 1919, he served as a pathologist at the Long Island Hospital and the Boston Sanatorium, Boston. Dr. Dwyer was a pathologist on the staffs of the Mercy Hospital and Health Dept. Hospital of Springfield, Mass. and the Providence Hospital of Holyoke, Mass.

Dr. Dwyer was a member of the American Medical Association, a former censor, and President of the Hampden District Medical Society, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Springfield Academy of Medicine. At one time Dr. Dwyer was head of the Springfield Health Dept. and a member of the Springfield Board of Aldermen.

Dr. Dwyer served with distinction in the U. S. Army Medical Corps. during World War I.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the surviving members of his family and to his many friends and associates.

ROBERT F. MORRISON, M. D.

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Dr. Robert F. Morrison of Holyoke, Mass. died on March 16, 1962.

Dr. Morrison was born in Chicopee, Mass., on November 11, 1877. He graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School in 1901.

Dr. Morrison was a member of the American Medical Association, the Mass. Medical Society, and the Hampden District Medical Society. He retired from active practice about 25 years ago.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the surviving members of his family and to his many friends and associates.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISASTER MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

The Disaster Committee was appointed by Dr. Alfonso A. Palermo, on April 19, 1961. In addition to the chairman appointed by the president of the District Medical Society, the chairman of each of the Disaster Committees of each Hospital in Hampden County was appointed to this Committee. Dr. James Allen was appointed at a later date to this committee.

Our first meeting was held in August, 1961, when a guest speaker, Colonel Harry Zubkoff, discussed disaster planning. At that meeting, we decided that our objectives would be:

(a) To provide effective medical and health services, planning and care for Hampden County in the event of a large scale local disaster.

b) To coordinate such existing planning with peripheral County medical societies, as well as with our State medical society for mutual aid and care in the event of total disaster.

(c) To support Civil Defense organizations in every way possible, as we know as physicians they are but a small part of disaster planning, which of necessity involves many other specialists in communications, transportation, supply, intelligence, meteorology, etc.

A representative of this Committee, the chairman, was sent to the Twelfth County Medical Societies Conference on Disaster Medical Care that was sponsored by the Council on National Security of the American Medical Association, on November fourth and fifth, 1961, in Chicago. A report of this meeting was printed in the Hampden Hippocrat.

The October, 1961, issue of the Hampden Hippocrat was the Disaster Medical Care issue, which contained an editorial on Nuclear "Disaster", a brief article by the President of the District Medical Society, a report on the composition and aims of the Disaster Medical Care Committee, an article by the chairman of the Disaster Medical Care Committee of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and a resume of a lecture given to the Hampden District Medical Society by Colonel I. Louis Hoffman on the "role of the physician in mass casualties".

On November 1, 1961, an evening session on "First Aid in Disaster" was jointly sponsored by the Disaster Medical Care Committee of the Hampden District Medical Society and Springfield College. A series of demonstrations, exhibits and films were presented at the Springfield College Field House.

Plans have been initiated to study the possibility of recruiting the medical units of industrial plants to keep in foot-locker type of storage supplies for the first aid care of approximately fifty casualties, thereby enabling a mutual aid type of program throughout the area in the event of a local major fire, explosion, or other similar

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AGENDA: Annual Reports of Officers and Committees
Other ethical, organizational and socio-economic affairs.
Election of Officers.

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Ray T. Smith, M.D.
Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE 1961 - 1962

The Public Health Committee considered many problems and took an affirmative action on the following:

1. The appointment of a qualified Health Commissioner for the vacant post in the City of Springfield.
2. Fluoridation of the public water supply.
3. That the Hampden District Medical Society favor the Kerr-Mills Law and oppose the King Anderson Bill.
4. A physical fitness program for the public schools in the City of Springfield.
5. Cancer detection.
6. Disapproving of the many independent fund raising campaigns by various agencies.

In addition to this the committee took action to publicize the establishment of poison control centers in all three general hospitals in the city both in the spring and the fall in the Hippocrat.

Dr. Brynes is working in close cooperation with Mr. Berry director of physical education to present programs in the newspapers and on television giving publicity to the physical fitness of the Springfield school system.

The Committee considered the question of diet in schools but took no action.

The Committee, through Dr. Izenstein and his subcommittee, worked in cooperation with the Diabetic Detection Drive.

The Committee considered the question of heart disease and found that the situation was so thoroughly covered that further action on our part would be superfluous.

The Committee gave our support of a project of the Trade School to establish post graduate vocational courses for laboratory assistants.

Norman A. Pokorny, Chairman

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BLUE SHIELD DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT - 1962 -

A summary of the activities of the Blue Shield Committee for the year 1961 to 1962 is as follows:

The Chairman of the Hampden District Professional Service Committee attended a group meeting with Blue Shield in Boston on January 17, 1962. An abstract of the pertinent data of this meeting appeared in the Hippocrat of March, 1962.

The problem of Blue Shield coverage for compensation type injuries in Hampden County employees was investigated and clarified. Employees of the Hampden County are not covered by a specific compensation type of insurance other than Blue Shield. The legal branch of Blue Shield in Boston was consulted regarding this matter and it was ascertained in writing that since these employees do not have a compensation insurance carrier, Blue Shield would continue to honor their claims.

An investigation of problems relating to Blue Shield coverage in low income patients aided by Welfare was undertaken. This problem was resolved at the January meeting in Boston and a resume of this was published in the Hippocrat of March, 1962.

Patient and doctor grievances regarding Blue Shield payments were at a minimum and were resolved without difficulty.

Your Committee is happy to announce that there will be regular quarterly meetings of the Blue Shield Professional District Chairmen with the Blue Shield Directors in Boston. Needless to say, this should keep our Society better informed on Blue Shield matters.

The Hampden District Blue Shield Professional Committee has enjoyed serving its Society and thanks Dr. Whitney for his cooperation and the opportunity to have been able to serve him.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter J. J. Nero, M.D.,
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSURANCE, LABOR RELATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS COMMITTEE — 1962

During the year the Committee has held four meetings and hopes to hold a fifth meeting in April, with interested representatives of labor to discuss the subject of group health insurance.

The Committee has continued to regard the Relative Value Study as one of its principal fields of interest. During the course of this year, an effort has been made to disseminate the Relative Value Study among the various insurance companies. Demand for copies among the insurance companies has been great. To date twenty copies have been distributed to nineteen insurance companies. The interest shown by the insurance industry has been gratifying. A charge has been made for each copy of the schedule so as to cover expenses.

The Committee held a joint meeting with the representatives of the Health Insurance Council in November. The meeting was conducted by Dr. Howard Brown of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. Five members of the Health Insurance Council were present. A useful exchange of ideas on a number of subjects took place. The subjects included: The increasing burden of claims forms upon physicians, the frequent misunderstanding of group insurance contracts by patients, The Hampden District Relative Value Schedule, multiple insurance coverage, and the Massachusetts Medical Society Committee on Charges to Pool Funds. The Committee feels that a close liaison with the Health Insurance Council is desirable and plans to follow-up with further meetings.

The Committee is making an effort to work out a solution to the increasing difficulty of handling insurance forms. A simple check-off sheet is being devised which the physician may return to an insurance company with their form when he is unable to answer certain questions on that form, or when he feels that the form is unsuitable.

Cyril E. Shea, Jr., M.D.
Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMMITTEE — 1962

The Health and Accident Insurance Committee has continued to function according to the policies previously established. The new Group Protective Plan has enrolled over 75% of the eligible membership (360) out of 478.

The policies themselves were mailed out March 6, 1962. Claims have already been filed and are being paid.

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence V. Selden, M.D.,
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PEDIATRIC GUEST SPEAKERS

On Thursday, May 10, 1962 at the Springfield Hospital, the speaker will be S. Norman Sherry, M.D., Chief, Well Baby Clinic, Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, and Consultant Pediatrician, Metropolitan State Hospital, Waltham. Subject will be "Four Basic Psychological Concepts For Use in Pediatric Practice".

On Tuesday, May 22, 1962 the speaker will be James L. Wilson, M.D., Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases, The University of Michigan Medical Center, University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan. His topics will be: "Artificial Aids to Respiration", and "Evaluation of Parenteral Fluid Needs in Children".

Tillman

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT — 1962

This committee did not meet during the past year because there were no urgent problems presented by the Auxiliary president, Mrs. Charles D'Avanzo. It is with great pleasure that I can report that the president and her committee have again done a wonderful job during the past year. Her report reads as follows:

The functions of Hampden Medical Auxiliary have been geared to Article II of the Auxiliaries By-Laws viz: "To further the purposes of Hampden District Medical Society". With this in mind the Auxiliary has had a busy year: drapery making, pamphlet distribution, attending Society Sponsored Meetings as well as the routine Auxiliary meetings. The first Auxiliary Meeting with Dr. James Dunning of Harvard, speaking on Fluoridation, was very instructive; through the White Cap Ball in November the Auxiliary will be able to award $1590 in Scholarships; the Christmas Tea in December was enjoyed by husbands and wives; the February meeting devoted to "Facts about Cancer" with Dr. Palermo as the speaker, was found thought provoking. The Auxiliary has also worked hard at letter writing to legislators in their opposition to the King Anderson Bill; they found the "diabetic detection" week program to be a gratifying one; and learned a great deal from the Medico-Legal mock trial. With "Doctor's Day", March 30, just around the corner, the girls bought a beautiful electronic clock for Hampden District Medical office.

Their annual meeting will be held on April 24 at Longmeadow Country Club, with their State President, Mrs. Marrin as their guest. They seem to enjoy their work but their president has asked if the members of our Society have had those physical check-ups yet. Your car gets a spring tune up. Do you?

Again we wish to thank our wives.

Aldo J. Leani, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOSPITAL & HEALTH AGENCIES (1962)

The Committee on Hospitals and Health Agencies was formulated late in February of 1962. A group of eight members, selected from the various areas covered by the Hampden District, in order to get the best possible representation of the various hospital interests, has been organized into the committee by the president of the District Society.

The committee is currently engaged in acquiring a library covering the services provided by the various voluntary health agencies and, where possible, the by-laws and objectives of agencies and regional hospitals. It is hoped that in the future the District Society may through the function of this committee have a better understanding of the problems of hospitals and health agencies and to be in a better position to communicate through this committee.

Frank E. Hurley, M.D.,
Chairman

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AUXILIARY DOINGS

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March 30 was celebrated throughout the United States as "Doctor's Day". The Woman's Auxiliary to the Hampden District Medical Society presented a clock to the offices of the Society. Shown presenting the clock are Mrs. S. Zacarian, Chairman of Doctor's Day; Mrs. Charles D'Avanzo, President, Woman's Auxiliary; Dr. Jerome A. Whitney, President, Hampden District Medical Society, and Mrs. V. M. Purdy, Executive Secretary of the Society.

FOUR ARE HONORED

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hampden District Medical Society honored four doctors who have completed 50 years of medical practice on the 30th of March, which was observed as "Doctors' Day" throughout the United States.

The Auxiliary will give contributions to the American Medical Education Fund in the names of Dr. George B. Corcoran of West Springfield, Dr. George L. Schadt of Princeton, Dr. Charles L. Furcolo and Dr. Albert W. Ghoreyeb, both of Springfield.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE (1962)

Regular legislative meetings have been attended in Boston. All legislature has been published in the Hippocrat. Membership has been asked to write to legislators and this has been done, several times helping to sway the legislators.

The following bills have been considered and voted upon.

1. The Good Samaritan—H.251—Sec. 1 Chapter 112 Signed by the Governor—passed. *
2. Chiropractic bill—defeated.
3. H.786—Tattooing—passed.
4. Blue Shield H.2950—defeated.
5. Use of safety belts—referred to study.
6. Requiring the name of person with medical condition H.1526—defeated.
7. M.D. on duty 24 hours in hospital #671—defeated.
8. Corporate practice—no change H.277, H.276, H.1310.

Robert Emery, M.D.
Chairman

* (This law offers protection to a physician against Malpractice when aid is rendered at the scene of an accident.

Details of the act will be published in a future issue of the Hippocrat. Ed.)

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REHABILITATION COMMITTEE (1962)

This is an informational report.

No meetings were held during the year as there were not matters brought before the Committee, which required action. Your Chairman attended two meetings concerning the rehabilitation problem in Springfield.

The first meeting was the area rehabilitation conference held at the American Legion hall. This was a review of rehabilitation from the view point of office of vocational rehabilitation by a representative of an insurance company and by Dr. Henry Kessler from New Jersey.

The second meeting was in the form of a conference with representatives from the Department of Health and Welfare. This meeting was held at the Hampden District Medical Society headquarters with Dr. Whitney. This meeting also was purely on an informational level and no action was taken.

Edward J. Ferrarone, M. D.
Chairman

IRON CAN BE DANGEROUS

Iron pills should be labelled as potentially poisonous and kept in safe containers out of the reach of children, warns Dr. Evan Charney, University of Rochester pediatrician. Deaths among children accidentally overdosed with ferrous sulfate are increasing, he reports, noting that iron pills are completely safe in the usual prescribed doses but extremely toxic to children when taken in large quantities.

Disaster Medical Care

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disaster.

Attempts have been made, without too much success, to obtain, through the State Civil Defense agency, a demonstration to our Medical Society of "The Civil Defense Emergency Hospital". There have been many roadblocks put in our arrangements for this demonstration. The main purpose of this demonstration would be merely to acquaint physicians, nurses, technicians and paramedical personnel with the facilities available in such a hospital, so that should they be required, during a national emergency, to staff such a hospital, they would have some of the basic information readily available. Since the Springfield area is designated as a target area, this type of hospital cannot, by regulation, be stored in the Springfield area.

Recommendations for the future would be that every hospital in Hampden District Medical Society re-evaluate its disaster program to see that it is in workable order. This can only be assured by at least one or two "dry runs" yearly. Hospital disaster programs must be coordinated with local civil defense agencies.

George A. Vassos, Jr., M.D.,
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ANOTHER LOSS TO MOURN

(Editor's note: The February 3, 1962 issue of the Saturday Evening Post carried a blistering attack on physicians and the A.M.A. The item was littered with so many untruths, distortions and conrtadictions as to arouse the ire of physicians and laymen alike. This was well expressed in an editorial of the Ellsworth (Kan.) Messenger. It has been reprinted in several publications. The Hippocrat takes pleasure in reprinting it below.)

What's happened to the Saturday Evening Post some of my friends are asking?

What happened? The Post changed editors and in the process changed editorial complexion from the blended hues of Midwestern red, white and blue to the bloodshot pink of liberalism's fantasy world.

Kansas conservatives like myself, mourning the loss of a conservative senator, might mourn the more for loss of a conservative voice in the Great Saturday Evening Post. The Post was one of the last frontiers of conservatism in the big time journalistic field. It wielded a mighty influence. And now it is just another syrupy voice for the liberal left.

Post Editor Fuoss zeroed in on doctors and the American Medical Association last week. In typical liberal manner he wiped out argument by simply stating that no ground for argument exists. There aren't two sides, there is only our side, so say the liberals. He calls attention to the increase in malpractice suits, which makes me think it is too bad there isn't a legal recourse for editorial malpractice. The liberals could be sued right out of their socialistic pants.

The Fuoss editorial on the A.M.A. is a perfect example of the liberal attack. All the way through Fuoss beats words together in clamorous assertion of appreciation of the great contribution doctors have made, are making and will make to the world at large (far, far greater, be it confessed, than the Fuoss ilk ever did or ever will). With his love of the Dr. Kildares and semblance of fairness established he moves in for an operation of his own and with surgical skill proceeds to perform a bloody characterotomy on the medics and their national organization, the A.M.A.

He cites the doctors for having been opposed to everything, including medical insurance—no proof, and utterly unprovable because it is untrue. Then, with grand sweep, completely cutting away all vestige of historical fact, he remarks, "The doctors as a group have in essence been against almost everything that America is for." How "mal" in practice can you get, Mr. Fuoss, one wonders? This is the essence of what surely will be known later as the Great Smear Age.

I know four doctors here in my home town and have known many more over state and nation and I have never known a single one of whom it wouldn't be rank libel as well as gross untruth to state that he is against everything America is for. On the contrary, the men I know have been against the socialistic fungus that is trying to destroy America, and have been for the great glory of American individual initiative, independence, self-reliance, honesty in financial matters, personal and governmental; have been steadfast in faith that the climate of freedom holds assurance of high living standard, more of security and needed medical attention for everyone than any other system on earth.

The Post editor shows that he is a disciple of that fastidious liberal practice of the great lie told in mild voice as if here is something so obvious no one needs shout about it. "So far as we know," says Fuoss, with tranquilizing calmness, "there is no serious support anywhere in America for anything resembling socialized medicine."

Oh, brother! How big can even a big lie be! Of course, Editor Fuoss goes on next to assert that the miscalled Medicare is just a simple prescription of old fashioned Americanism to be taken regularly each morning before breakfast.

But enough said. Let's leave our doctors on the operating table, cut open from conviction to patriotism, from ideal to love of freedom. Mr. Fuoss has said he loves them, admires and respects them so surely he will see to it that only a few infected sponges and surgical instruments are left inside for festering before sewing up the gaping wounds he has inflicted.

We readers carry away with us the implanted suggestions that socialism is really Americanism of higher order, that regimentation with free medical service is "responsible statesmanship", and that all would be for the best in this best of all liberal worlds if the docs would start communizing their attitude and the A.M.A.

Heil, liberalism!

(Mr. Fuoss, according to Time magazine, is no longer editor of the S. E. Post. Ed.)

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MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

This past year has been both an active and interesting one for the Mental Health Committee. There have been eight meetings, each one characterized by a provocative and stimulating discussion achieved through the composition of the group and their sincere interest in a designated goal.

At the initial meeting, "Unmet Mental Health Needs in the Community and How Best to Meet Them" was selected as the theme for the year and all subsequent meetings were addressed to that theme. Two large meetings were structured to include full representation of those professional and lay people interested in the field of Mental Health. At the suggestion of the President, a small, select and representative lay group was invited to collaborate in the Committee's approach to the main theme — balance and collaboration being considered as of prime importance.

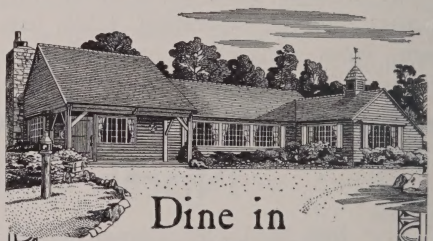
At one of the large meetings, on February 28, Dr. Harry Solomon, Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, addressed the group and expressed his desire to co-operate in providing necessary psychiatric resources in whatever way and to whatever extent was possible in accordance with the State rules and regulations governing his Department. His presentation was both constructive and reassuring.

Mayor Ryan of Springfield was present at this meeting, and his participation in the discussion attested to his interest in and awareness of the existing needs. He made a salutary contribution to the over-all thinking.

The Community Council, which is presently engaged in a program of co-ordination and enhancement of Mental Health services, has expressed to the Committee interest and appreciation for the Committee's efforts in integrating community Mental Health services, and has made clear its desire for close co-operation.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our President, Dr. Jerome Whitney, for his judicious guidance, and to the members of the Committee for their time and invaluable assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Olive A. Cooper, M.D.,
Chairman



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Clinicians participating in this Grand Rounds:

Dr. Joseph M. Foley (moderator), Western Reserve University School of Medicine

Dr. A. B. Baker, University of Minnesota School of Medicine

Dr. Irving S. Cooper, New York University School of Medicine

Dr. Macdonald Critchley, National Hospital, Queen Square, London

Dr. Leo M. Davidoff, Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Dr. Michael DeBakey, Baylor University College of Medicine

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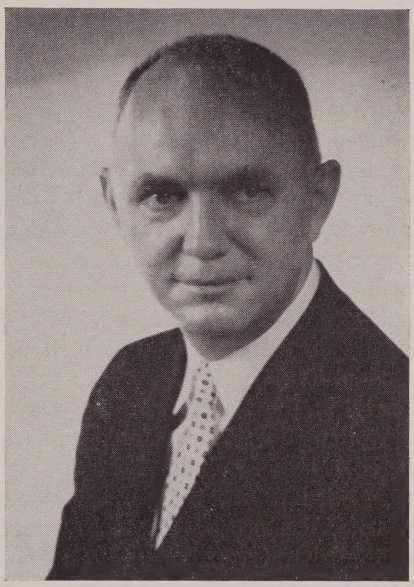

JOSEPH M. FOLEY, M.D.

Dr. Foley, Moderator of Grand Rounds #10, is a Hampdenite by marriage. He is the son-in-law of Dr. George Corcoran, Sr. and brother-in-law of Drs. George, Jr. and Joseph Corcoran. Dr. Foley has addressed the Springfield Academy of Medicine on several occasions.

Old and Rare Books

The Library of the Springfield Academy of Medicine is the proud possessor of a very fine collection of old and rare medical books. All are gifts of benefactors — mostly physicians. A partial list of these books appears below:

1600 Gabriello Falloppio: Opera Omnia
1705 Bernardino Ramazzini: A treatise of Diseases of Tradesmen
1767 John Quincy: Lexicon physico medicum or a new medical dictionary
1790 William Woodville: Medical Botany, Volume I
1797 Alexander Hamilton: Outlines of the theory and practice of midwifery
1809 Erasmus Darwin: Zoonomia or the laws of organic life, 3rd American Edition
1810 James Thacher: The American new dispensatory

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDITORS
(April, 1962)

During the past year the Hippocrat continued to appear monthly (except July and August), as it has since January, 1957. Practically all issues numbered 32 pages, with a ratio of literary to advertising space of about two to one. The March issue observed happily the 20th anniversary of the bulletin, the first issue of which appeared in March, 1942.

Early in the fiscal year Dr. David W. Williams was designated an Associated Editor by the Executive Committee. He replaced Dr. Jerome Whitney, who, because of his forthcoming presidential duties, expressed a desire not to be re-appointed to the Board of Editors. In February Dr. John A. Burke, who was about to assume new professional duties in Tennessee, resigned as Associate Editor. It is expected that the vacancy created by his departure will be filled shortly by the Executive Committee.

For the first time in its existence the Hippocrat experimented with "special" issues. The first of these was the Disaster Medical Care Number (October), which was received quite favorably not only locally but also by the Committee on Disaster Medical Care of the M.M.S. Other special issues were the Legislative Number (January) and the Annual Meeting Number (April). In the meantime the Hippocrat continued with its "Doctor and His Hobby" series, Number XI of which appeared in the March issue.

Financially the Hippocrat has managed to keep its head above water notwithstanding a moderate decline in revenue from national advertisers. To offset this decline the Board is striving constantly to bolster local advertising with the chief burden, as usual, resting on the shoulders of the Business Manager.

Since the last annual meeting this Board has held 8 meetings; each lasting about 3-4 hours. Attendance has been consistently excellent; discussion —always spirited and fruitful.

The Board is grateful to the officers of the Society for their support and encouragement; to the members for their many kind words and ever increasing letters to "Dear Hippocrat"; and the Elm Tree Press for a printing job superbly done. Last but not least the Board salutes three very gracious ladies for their invaluable assistance: Mrs. E. Franseen (Auxiliary's Publicity Chairman to the Hippocrat), Mrs. A. Willard (Secretary to the Hippocrat's Business Manager) and Mrs. V. Purdy, (Executive Secretary), H.D.M.S.

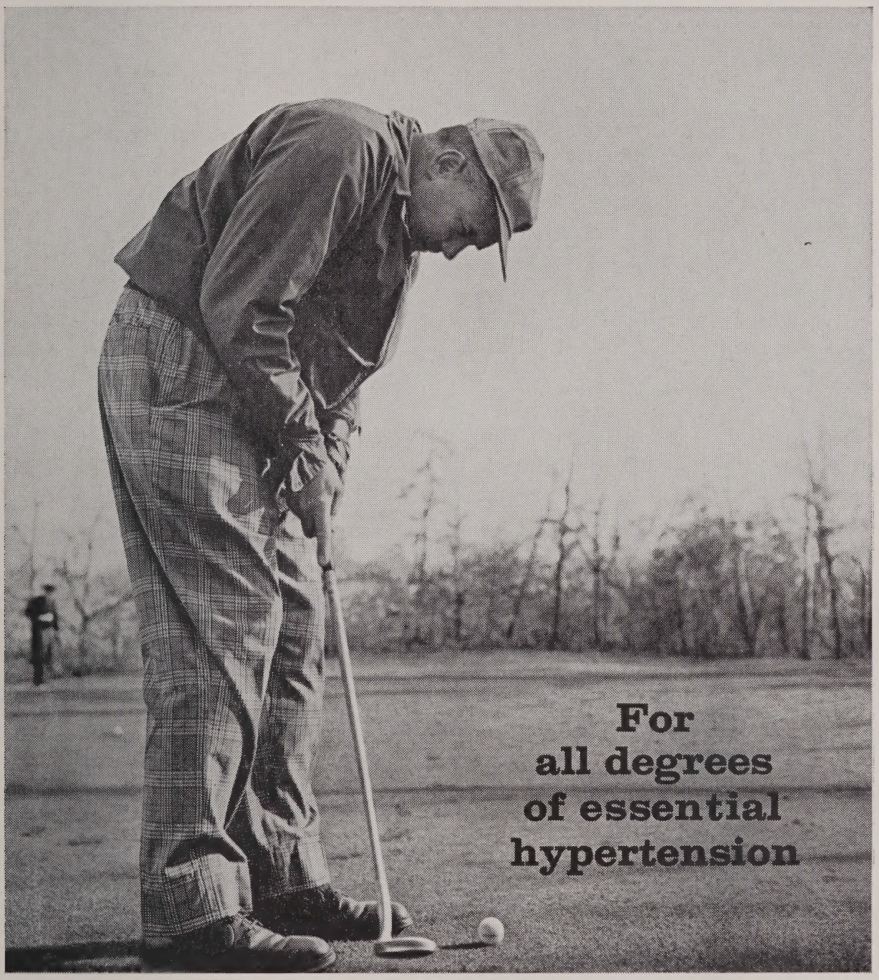
Respectfully submitted,
Max Millman, M.D.
Editor-in-Chief

STARTING YOUNG

A nine year old boy has been busy ringing doorbells, presenting a pamphlet opposing the King-Anderson Bill and accompanying it with a brief explanation. The school classroom also has been told about it by young Tommy D'Avanzo, son of the present President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Hampden District Medical Society. He is one of a group of children assisting the Auxiliary.

(If little boys can do it, why can't we? Ed.)

The opinions expressed in The Hippocrat do not necessarily represent the official viewpoint of the Hampden District Medical Society.



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†Hutchison, J. C.: Current Therap. Res. *2*:487 (Oct.) 1960.

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